

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Twelve million Americans have food allergies; 3 million are under the age of 18 years; and,

Whereas, Research shows the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children; and,

Whereas, Eight foods cause 90 percent of all food allergy reactions—shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat. Symptoms of a food-allergic reaction can include hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat; and,

Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, food allergy results in more than 300,000 ambulatory care visits a year involving children under 18 years of age. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and,

Whereas, There is no cure for food allergy, and scientists do not understand why. Strict avoidance of the offending food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction. Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and,

Whereas, The Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about food allergy and anaphylaxis:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 8-14, 2011, as

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Judy A. Larson, Exec. Asst.
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State